" Wife, Children and Friends." When the black-lettered list to the gods tends), At the long string of ills a kind goddess

And slipped in three blessings-wife, children and friends. In vain surly Plato maintained he was For justice divine could not compass its was defeated, For earth becomes heaven—with wife,

If the stock of our bliss is in stranger hands vested,
The fund ill-secured, oft in bankruptcy ends; But the heart issues bills which are never protested.

When drawn on the firm of—wife, children and friends.

Though valor still glows in his life's dy The death-wounded tar, who his colors defends,
Drops a tear of regret as he dying te

members How blest was his home with wife hildren and friends. The soldier, whose deeds live immortal whom duty to far distantiatitudes sends one all win know about Madame de With transport would barter whole ages | Merret.

of glory
For one happy day with wife, children, and friends. Though spice-breathing gales on his car avan hover, Though for him Arabia's fragrance ascends.
The merchant still thinks of the woodbines that cover
The bower where he at with—wife, children and friends.

The day-spring of youth still unclouded by sorrow: Alone on itself for enjoyment depends; But drear is the twilight of age, if it bor-No warmth from the smile of-wife, chil-

and nourish The laurel which o'er the dead favorite bends; O'er me wave the willow, and long may it flourish,

Bedewed with the tears of—wife, children and friends.

Let us drink. for my song, growing gra-ver arid graver, / To subjects too solemn insensibly tends; Let us drink, pledge me high, love and virtue shall flavor. The glass which I fill to—wife, children

a good sort of a gentleman.

came from Picardy, and he was as where the habits of the people are workman one side.

hot as a pepper-box, as we say. He contained within the bounds of a "Listen, Gorenfot, made no difficulties with any one, He

hand in glove with them. Madame de Megren was alone, stand in ust be silent, otherwise no position.

"But there must have been some catastrophe, to make them separate sweet, seemed to him to be in the violent way they only

brushes for his hands as a woman has for her whole toilet! Indeed I was very fond of him, though he didn't say four words a day and it was impossible to keep up the least conver-sation with him. If you spoke to him he didn't answer. He read his breviary like a priest, and went to And where do vou think he sat ?the house we had then in the Rue des Casernes." Finally, monsieur, one day, or rather one morning, I search also fifty golden Spanish coins, called worth about five thousand

There were besides some dia-

monds, of the value of ten thousand

francs in a little sealed box. The

search for him; and this is the queer-

mistress was so fond of, and which dome last year, she had buried with her; was made of "Oh!" said? ebony and silver. Now, when he up the crucifix again on its nail. first began to live with us, M. Feredia had a crucifix of ebony and silver, keep him waiting. He went hastily and I have never seen it since." keep him waiting. He went hastily to meet her, took her into the emhave my meals in Madame de Merret's "But have you never asked any brasure of the window which looked questions of Rosalie?"

"Indeed, Thave, monsieur; but it's in a low voice: no good. She won't answer any more "I know that Gorenflot wents to than a stone wall. She knows some- marry you, and it is only poverty sounds came from behind the barrithing, but I can't get it out of her." ute or two longer, and then left me, be his wife until he has made himself stranger dying there, he would not a prey to vague and sombre thoughts. master mason. Well, go and find allow her to utter a single word, but Rosalie became in my eyes the most him, and tell him to come here with always said:

"You have sworn upon the crucifix watched her I discovered the traces Take care not to awaken anybody that there is no one there."

Of something locked within her breast, else in his house. His fortune shall spite of the florid health which beam. ed in her plump face. She had some ever you do, keep your tongue quiet hidden cause for remorse or for hope. Her very attitude always betrayed He knit his brow; Rosalie was

going off, but he called her back ... "Stop." he said, "take my key. the fact she had a secret. " No," I thought, " I will not leave "Stop," he said, Vendome till I know the whole history of La Grande Breteche. To gain my end I will even, if necessary, loudly, "Jean." make serious love to Rosalie."

It took inera full month torgain Rosalie's good graces and confidence but when I felt that I might do so safely, I broached to her the subject of my unsleeping curiosity. "Rosalie," I said, coaxingly, "tell

O, don't ask me that, Monsieur Horace!" she answered, with a look

Her countenance fell, her bright orders, returned quietly to her as and lively color faded, and her eyes she sat before the fire, and began to lost their liquid sparkle of innocence. tell her about the game of billiards Still, however, I insisted.

"Well," she said, "since you wish it, I will tell." In the following pages the reader will find a cold abridgment of the awful story which the girl told me in ceilings throughout the reception-( ) Y 1 forms on the ground floor repaired. her garrulous way: The bedroom occupied by Madame Plaster is a rare commodity at Ven-

de Merret at La Breteche was on the dome, and its price is considerably ground floor. A little closet, about increased by the necessity of conveyfour feet deep, let into the wall, served ing it from a distance; he had ac for her wardrobe. For three months before the evening of the events of which I am going to relate to you, she had been seriously endisposed, This circumstance suggested the plan and her husband had accordingly which he now put into execution. elept in a chamber on the first floor. By one of those accidents which it is Rosalie in a low voice.

By one of those accidents which it is Rosalie in a low voice. the evening in question two hours the count, in his natural tone later than usual from the club which

A slight pallor came over Madame he frequented. His wife thought de Merret's face when she saw the SWORN ON THE CRUCIFIX. that he had come in long before and gone to bed, and that he was a sleep. But the invasion of France had been the subject of an animated discussion, house—enough to build up the door the game of billiards had been extended to the subject of an animated discussion, house—enough to build up the door of this closet. You can use the rest of M. de Merret:

citing, and he haddest forty francs

de the plate of hadde opat over the
an enormous sum at Vendome, where
wall." good sort of a gentleman. He everybody lays his money by, and Then drawing Rosalie and the

money for everything; he praiseworthy moderation—the source low voice, "You will sleep here toperhaps of a real happiness undream- night. To morrow morning you shall ed of by any Parisian. For some have a passport, with which you can him very agreeable. time past M. de Merret had contents to a foreign country, to a town "What! because he was rather ed himself with asking Rosalie if his which I will direct you to I will wife had gone to bed, and after the which I will direct you to girl's auswer, which was anvariably "Very likely," she said "You may sure a susver, when was the suppose that he had something to in the affirmative, he had retired at recommend him when he could marry once to his chamber. But this time I choose you can change it for another, it occurred to him to go into Madame wishing to say anything against the wishing to say anything against the country of his ill-lines. Instead of at the wedding. The bride was a difficult hand at brisque. M. de Merlittle, engaging creature, quite a jewel of a woman. Ah! they made a love-bottom step of the staircase, and walked by its light to his wife's room. preserve profound secresy with reat least, as one can judge; for you heard some one close the door of the don't suppose that we townstolk lived closet. When, however, he entered,

de Merret was a good little woman, ing before the fireplace. The hus-very quiet, and she had a good deal band, in his simplicity, thought at was a little proud, we liked him. but when he looked at his wate he and down, watching the door, the like that When one's a souler of the looked at his wate he and down, watching the door, the like that. When one's a gentleman, trouble and dismay.

"Well, Monsieur, I'll tell you all did not answer, for just at this mo-out it. The emperor sent some ment Boadles entered This revela

face told her to prepare der some suise or supposed to be spone, for she remained some instants in the corridor,

M. de Merret took a seat in front of " Madame, there is some one in

She looked at her huaband calmly and broke the glass. Madame de nd said with an an air of simpliciand said, with an an air of simplici-

This " no" dumfounded M. de Merret. He did not believe it, and yet never had his wife appeared to him the present moment. He rose to ret took his hand, held him back, and blooked at him sadly, saying to him

that all will be over between us." The incredible dignity of his wife'

the door. In either case we should be separated forever. Listen in me I know all the purity of your soul I know that the life von lead is rekn thought and the see Assoon as her husband had gone rious. You would not be guilty of a out, Madame de Merret rang for Rosalie; and then, in a wild voice: lead w sin to save your life. At these words Madame de Merret "The pickaxe! the pickaxe!" she cried, "and to work! I saw yester-day how Gorendot set about it, we shall have time to make an outlet

he should not return, he left his money and diamonds for masses to thank God for his escape and to pray for his that there is no one there; I will believe you-I will never open that safety. At that time my husband was still alive, and he went off to Madame de Merret took the crucidertook the task of pulling down the est part of the story. My husband wall. She had already displaced

"Louder," said her husband, "and some of the bricks, when, just as she Tawear it. on the bank of the river, near the repeat my words: "I swear before

château, and almost opposite La God that there is no one in that Grande Breteche. He had gone there closet." so early in the morning that no one

so early in the morning that ho one had seen him; and so, when he had read the letter he burnt the clothes, and we declared, as Count Feredia wished, that he had escaped. The sous-prefet put all the gendarmes on the alert, but they never caught him Leps thought that the Spaniard was decreased, but I monsieur, am of a decrease of the count without a sign of disquietude.

"It is well," said M. Merret, cold-ly; and then, after a moment's silence:

"You have a very pretty crucifix there, which I have not seen," he said, as he examined the crucifix. It was of ebony, inlaid with silver, and stored in the room. Lepas thought that the Spaniard was said, as he examined the crucinx. It drawned; but I, monsieur, am of a was of ebony, inlaid with silver, and different opinion. I am inclined to believe that he had something to do "I picked it up at Duvivier's. He "you brought some crucifixes from

with Madame de Merret. Rosalie bought it of, a Spanish monk when the Spaniards who passed through J.M. NEBLETT .... has told me that the crucifix her the prisoners passed through Ven-"Oh !" said M. de Merret, hanging

and let me know.'

M. de Merret, who had never lost

sight of his wife while he gave his

M. de Merret had lately had the

"Gorenflot is here, monsieur," said

"Tell him to come in."

rett, "come and dress my hair.

way. This silence was intentiona

ther of caution or of pride, When

ed height the cunning mason, vaiting

ack was turned, struck the tool he

to Gorenflot. The three saw a man's

ace within-dark and sad, with black

hair and eyes of fire. Before her

husband had turned round, the poor

lady had time to signal with her lips

-the mason's task was finished. He

of Jean, while M. de Merret slept in wis wife's chamber. The next morning, as he rose, he said carelessly.

the passport.".
He put on his hat, and took three

and block it up again."

kind of a chopper to her mistress

was gathering her strength to make a

more vigorous blow, she saw M. de

"Place madam upon her bed," he

Merret behind her. She fainted.

Vendome, did you not?" " No; Monsieur "Thank you, that will do," he said, darting a tiger-like look at his wife. "Jean," he added, turning to his con-He range the bell. Rosalie did not

out upon the garden, and said to her We feel warranted in saying that a tri-al of our GINS is all that is necessary to that prevents you from settling down. cade, and Josephene made as if she You have told him that you will not would implore for mercy for the

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